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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
Case No. 8-16-75545-reg
Adv. Case No. 8-16-08178-reg
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In the Matter of:
DOWLING COLLEGE,
Debtor.
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ZAIKOWSKI,
Plaintiff,
v.
DOWLING COLLEGE,
Defendants.
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Page 8 1 PROCEEDINGS 2 CLERK: Next matter up, Dowling College. MR. MCCORD: Good afternoon, Your Honor. 3 Certilman Balman by Richard McCord for ACA Financial 4 5 Guarantee Corp. 6 MR. SOUTHARD: Good afternoon, Your Honor. Sean 7 Southard of Klestadt Winters Jureller Southard & Stevens on 8 behalf of Dowling College, Debtor-In-Possession. 9 MR. KLEINBERG: Good afternoon, Your Honor. 10 Howard Kleinberg, Meyer Suozzi for the Dowling College Board 11 of Trustee members. 12 MR. SIEGEL: Excuse me. Good afternoon, Your 13 Honor. Glenn Siegel, Morgan Lewis on behalf of Brookhaven 14 Labs. 15 MR. FRIEDMAN: Good afternoon, Your Honor. Ronald 16 Friedman, Silverman Acampora, counsel for the Official 17 Committee of Unsecured Creditors. MR. BERKOWITZ: Good afternoon, Your Honor. Adam 18 19 Berkowitz, again, Garfunkel Wild, on behalf of UMB Bank. 20 I'm here with my colleague, Ian Hammel, who is on 21 the telephone as well. 22 MR. YANG: Good afternoon, Your Honor. Stan Yang 23 for the United States Trustee. 24 CLERK: Please state your phone appearance on 25 Dowling.

Page 9 1 MR. HAMMEL: Good afternoon. 2 MS. ROUPINIAN: Good afternoon. Rene Roupinian of Outten & Golden, appearing on behalf of Lori Zaikowski in 3 4 the adversary proceeding. 5 THE COURT: That's it? 6 MR. WEIDNER: Good afternoon, Your Honor. 7 Weider, Barclay Damon, LLP, appearing on a listen-only line, 8 for Carrier Corporation, mechanic's lien (indiscernible). 9 MR. HAMMEL: Good afternoon, Your Honor. Ian 10 Hammel on behalf of UMB Bank as Trustee. 11 THE COURT: Is that it? 12 CLERK: Yes. 13 THE COURT: Okay. 14 MR. SOUTHARD: All set? Thank you, Your Honor. 15 Again for the record, Sean Southard on behalf of Dowling 16 College. 17 Your Honor, we have just two matters on this afternoon's calendar, the first of which is the Debtor's 18 19 motion in relation to approval of the Brookhaven campus for 20 sale. 21 The second is the adjourned adversary proceeding 22 in relation to what we've referred to as the "Warn Act" 23 litigation. 24 If it's agreeable to Your Honor, we propose to take the sale motion first. So, Your Honor, as I mentioned, 25

we're here today seeking approval of the Debtor's sale of its Brookhaven campus to Triple Five Aviation, LLC, which is the entity that the Debtor has determined submitted the highest and best bid in accordance with this Court's approved bidding procedures.

Your Honor, the sale process for this Brookhaven campus started formally back in September of last year when the Debtor first filed its motion seeking both the entry of an order approving bid procedures and related sale, notice approval, and the establishment of deadlines for bids and auction. And then secondarily seeking an order, which is the subject of today's hearing, seeking approval of that sale and the results of that auction and sales procedures process. That was docketed at Number 406 on this Court's docket.

Your Honor, that motion made clear that the Debtor was seeking to sell approximately 105 acres, which is known as the Brookhaven Campus, in the town of Brookhaven, County of Suffolk, located at the William Floyd Parkway in Shirley, New York. The Court will recall that the Brookhaven Campus contains several improvements, including a dormitory facility as well as various other improvements, including a -- what is referred to as a national aviation center.

The sale, Your Honor, proposed today, includes the real property, all the fixtures, as well as certain personal

property located at the Brookhaven Campus.

Your Honor, in terms of liens and secured positions relative to the property, the Brookhaven Campus is subject to first liens and security interests in favor of the Series 2006 Bond Trustee, with one exception, which is that the dormitory facility I just mentioned is subject to a first lien in favor of the Series 2002 Bond Trustee. In addition to those mortgages there are various mechanic's liens and judgments which were lodged prior to the bankruptcy filing.

And Your Honor will recall that you approved a bidding procedures and entered a bidding procedures order back in October of last year, and that was Docket Number 425. That order was served, together with the sale notice, on all creditors in the case. In addition, the Debtor published notice of the sale in both Newsday and The Wall Street Journal.

Your Honor will also recall that the original sale schedule was adjusted and altered to push back the bid deadline and the auction date beyond the end of the year-end holidays in 2017. And that an amended notice of those deadlines was filed, and again, served broadly.

We have been in front of this court on several occasions since then with regular updates to the Court. And at the last hearing before this Court on May 21st, Your

Honor was advised of the high bid received as of that point, which is, again, from Triple Five Aviation.

Thereafter, Your Honor, my office served notice of that high bid, submitted by Triple Five, and that was docketed at Docket Number 532, thereafter served on all of the interested parties. And that notice, Your Honor, set various deadlines and gave the parties notice as to our intention to proceed today, and effectively gave one last opportunity to interested purchasers to submit a higher or better bid by May 30th.

Your Honor, we thereafter provided notice to interested parties as to the Debtor's determination to close that auction and determined Triple Five to be the highest and best bid. And we filed a declaration, by Robert Rosenfeld, who is the chief restructuring officer of the Debtors, in support of the motion to approve this sale free and clear of liens, claims and encumbrances.

Your Honor, on Friday of last week the Committee also filed a statement in support of the Debtor's motion to proceed with approval of the Brookhaven Campus sale to Triple 5 Aviation. No objections have been filed, Your Honor.

And turning to the declaration of Mr. Rosenfeld, which was filed on Thursday of last week, the Rosenfeld declaration talks about, and explains, Mr. Rosenfeld's role

and responsibility in relation to the sale process. It discusses the extensive marketing efforts, both with the real estate agents retained by the Debtor, as well as the Debtor's representatives and the Committee, counsel in particular. That marketing, Your Honor, occurred through a combination of means, including direct mailing, press releases, color brochures, an offering memorandum, both traditional print and web based advertising, as well as direct to broker solicitation and other marketing activities through social media.

As set forth, Your Honor, in the report which was prepared by those real estate brokers, dated May 17 of 2018, which was attached to Mr. Rosenfeld's declaration at Exhibit A, since the first marketing efforts began there were over 6,000 unique visitors to the property auction webpage maintained by those agents. The agents received approximately 150 direct inquiries, of those inquiries approximately 60 parties entered into nondisclosure agreements in order to gain access to confidential information, and of those parties approximately 19 toured and physically inspected the Brookhaven Campus on at least one occasion, although many of them inspected on more than one occasion.

Your Honor, in addition to those tours of those interested parties led by the campus agents, the Debtor's

representatives and counsel to the Creditors Committee also arranged and participated in several property tours with additional interested parties that either contacted the Debtor and its representatives or counsel to the Creditors Committee.

Your Honor, also in Mr. Rosenfeld's declaration is an explanation and recitation of the prior auction proceedings that took place on January 31st. Prior to that auction the Debtor had received three bids for the Brookhaven Campus. In consultation with its creditors, the Debtor designated each of those bidders as a qualified bidder, and then conducted an auction at the law offices of Certilman Balin in East Meadow.

The highest bid, which has been previously reported to this Court, after the initial auction process, was 10.2 million. The second highest bid after that auction was 10.1 million. And as this Court is aware, neither the lenders nor the Creditors Committee supported a sale of the campus at that level of bidding or purchase price. And the level of bidding that day was less than the expected values by the Debtor in relation to its understanding of estimates of value prior to the auction. So that auction was adjourned.

And following the adjournment of that auction, the Debtor engaged in many meetings and discussions with

interested parties in an effort to better understand both the possible development opportunities at the Brookhaven Campus, and generally in an overall effort to try to find a greater value for the creditors of this estate.

Your Honor, we've previously explained, at prior hearings before this Court, generally, that back and forth with the interested parties, which has included various representatives of the Town of Brookhaven, and overall those efforts, which spanned approximately four months, led to the identification of an additional 18 parties who had shown interest in a possible purchase opportunity of the Brookhaven Campus.

Overall then, on or about May 10th of this year, a formal bid was submitted to the Debtor, by Triple Five Aviation, and that was for a purchase price of \$14 million. Triple Five has provided my office with a 10 percent deposit, equal to \$1.4 million, and that is currently in my firm's escrow account. They have also executed a purchase agreement that is in a form acceptable to the Debtor, a copy of which was recently filed on this Court's docket on Thursday afternoon of last week.

Your Honor, in consultation with the lenders and the Creditors Committee, it has been determined, by the Debtor, that Triple Five has submitted the highest and best offer for the Brookhaven Campus and Dowling's Board of

Trustees has authorized and approved Mr. Rosenfeld to execute that asset purchase agreement, which he in fact did, and to close the sale of the Brookhaven Campus with Triple Five, subject to Your Honor's approval today.

Your Honor, at the last hearing, as I mentioned, and in the presence of all of the major creditor constituencies, we did explain our intention to proceed today with approval of the Triple Five offer. Notice to that effect was docketed, parties in interest were given the opportunity to submit a higher or better bid. No such bid was submitted by the deadline of Wednesday last week, and therefore no auction took place. And the Debtor determined to close the auction formally and provided that notice to parties in interest as well.

Your Honor, our expectation in relation to the sale approval, should Your Honor find it acceptable today with Triple Five, is to close the transaction within approximately 45 days. And Your Honor, in the Debtor's business judgment, the Debtor believes that the sale to Triple Five is the highest and best bid, after an extensive marketing process, in accordance with the approved procedures entered in this Court's bidding procedures order.

It's important to close that proposed sale as soon as possible to avoid continuing losses associated with the expenses, carrying costs of the property.

Your Honor, for the avoidance of doubt, and I know this is something that has come up previously before the Court, the Debtor does not expect to make any payments or distributions at closing from the proceeds to the secured creditors or to any other party, and instead I think all parties are in agreement that those monies will remain effectively in the Debtor's account, subject to further order of Your Honor, should Your Honor approve the sale today.

Your Honor, we believe adequate notice and marketing of this sale opportunity was provided and no party has filed an objection to the relief sought in today's sale motion. The Debtor has no real practical alternative to selling Brookhaven Campus, as proposed in the motion, and therefore asserts that consummation of this sale with Triple Five is in the best interest of the Debtor and its estate.

The purchase agreement with Triple Five was
negotiated and entered into by and among the Debtor and
Triple Five in good faith and in arm's length fashion.
Triple Five is not an insider of the Debtor, as that term is
defined in the bankruptcy code. There is no continuity of
business enterprise or otherwise between Triple Five and the
Debtor or its estate. And the Debtor believes that this
Court should find that Triple Five should have no successor
liability on account of the Debtor or its obligations

following a closing.

Your Honor, one other item to bring to Your
Honor's attention, which we've talked about previously, both
in relation to this sale and a prior sale, has to do with
the Not-For-Profit Law and the requirements under Sections
510 and 511 of the New York Not-For-Profit Law. Your Honor,
in relation to this sale, as we've previously indicated to
Your Honor, our office has had many conversations with the
Office of the New York State Attorney General and they have
indeed reviewed the submissions that we've made to this
Court and my understanding is they have no objection to this
sale proceeding today, based on the representations that
have been made.

That said, for the record today, Your Honor, we also do believe that this sale complies with the applicable non-bankruptcy law including Sections 510 and 511 of the New York Not-For-Profit Corporation Law. The consideration and the terms of the sale are fair and reasonable to the Debtor. The sale contemplates that the proceeds would be used to repay lawful obligations of the Debtor, consistent with the not-for-profit purposes of the Debtor and applicable non-bankruptcy law. And we believe, I believe as Your Honor does, that no further regulatory or state court approval is necessary in relation to approval of this sale and the transfer of the campus to Triple Five, subject to Your

1 Honor's approval and the closing.

For all of those reasons, Your Honor, the Debtor requests approval of the sale today for the reasons set forth on the record.

There is one other item that I wanted to bring to Your Honor's attention this afternoon, which was somewhat of a late breaking subject on Friday afternoon. And that is that Brookhaven Science Associates, which is an entity formed in relation to the remediation process that has been ongoing for many years in relation to Brookhaven National Labs, reached out on Friday afternoon requesting clarification that this sale approval and the sale order would not impair their rights in relation to testing essentially under -- water testing under a memorandum of understanding that exists between Dowling, Brookhaven Science Associates and several other agencies that are involved in the remediation of ground water in the Brookhaven Town.

THE COURT: On this site?

MR. SOUTHARD: Your Honor, there are some testing wells on the north -- northern border of the Brookhaven

Campus that are maintained by Brookhaven Science Associates under this memorandum of understanding agreement and in essence they have easement-related rights to enter the property for purposes of monitoring those wells and testing

Page 20 1 the water, the ground water that lies underneath the Dowling 2 -- portion of the Dowling campus. And my understanding is 3 that there are several of these types of wells around the 4 Town of Brookhaven, generally speaking, that track a plume 5 of potential contamination in the ground water from many 6 years ago. 7 THE COURT: If they find contamination on this 8 site, is the buyer liable? 9 MR. SOUTHARD: Your Honor, the memorandum of 10 understanding that exists provides that Dowling, as well as 11 other parties, but Dowling, and in turn Dowling's successor, 12 are indemnified by Brookhaven Science Associates. So --13 THE COURT: So if the ground water is bad, and it has a negative impact on the property, Brookhaven Lab is 14 liable? 15 16 MR. SOUTHARD: Correct, Your Honor, ultimately. 17 THE COURT: Not the buyer? MAN: Correct. 18 MR. SOUTHARD: Correct, Your Honor. 19 20 MR. SIEGEL: Your Honor, the way it works is that 21 Brookhaven Labs, or Brookhaven Science Associates is 22 providing an indemnification. We, of course, can't control 23 CERCLA. I mean, they're all liable, but we're the 24 indemnifying party with respect to anybody else who might be 25 found to be liable.

Page 21 1 THE COURT: Science is not my best subject. 2 MR. SOUTHARD: Your Honor, the --3 THE COURT: Somebody goes to build something on 4 this site, there's a closing. My understanding of closings, 5 when I used to have to be involved with this stuff, is you 6 get a phase 1, phase 2, whatever. Let's say they go to 7 build something and the phase 2 shows there's contaminate, 8 and the buyer can't do with the site what he wants to do 9 with it, for whatever reason. The town comes in, the 10 government comes in and says, you owe us \$100 million 11 because this 100 acres is a disaster, you've got to clean it 12 up. 13 Forget the indemnification for a minute. Am I signing anything that the buyer could say, not me, I got a 14 15 federal order saying I'm not liable? 16 MR. SOUTHARD: Your Honor, the extent to which the 17 Debtor -- it's cutting off the Debtor's liability arguably, but no. 18 19 THE COURT: The Debtor doesn't care. The Debtor's 20 gone. The Debtor's directors may care, because you can't 21 get rid of it, but the Debtor is gone, so forget the Debtor. 22 Can Triple Five, does Triple Five, under your order that you 23 want me to sign, get an out of jail card? MR. SOUTHARD: Your Honor, I think that -- and I 24 25 am no expert in CERCLA either, as Mr. Siegel has made clear

Page 22 1 about his own understanding, but I don't believe that Your 2 Honor's order would cut that off. But, however --THE COURT: But the order is confusing, because 3 your order, on the bottom of Page 6, let's say, says that, 4 5 and the top of Page 7 it says, "However, this is sold free 6 of any liability, free and clear of liability for the 7 buyer." And then you couch it in terms of something I can't 8 figure out. 9 But I'm telling you today, as I've said in the 10 past, I'm not signing any order that releases the buyer from 11 potential liability, if such liability exists for environmental problems by the feds or the state. This issue 12 13 has been going on for 100 -- many, many years. That's why 14 banks didn't want certain properties, you could threaten 15 them and say, take my building, and they would say I don't 16 want the building. 17 I don't believe I have the authority to absolve anyone from that statutory liability, so as long as we agree 18 19 you're not asking me to do that then we don't have a 20 problem. But it's going to be clear. Now, they may in fact 21 be indemnified, that's up to -- that's a different issue. 22 MR. SOUTHARD: The Debtor is indemnified and --23 THE COURT: That's fine. 24 MR. SOUTHARD: -- to the extent to which we pass 25 it on --

Page 23 1 THE COURT: And they may then may indemnify their 2 successor, that's up to the Brookhaven Labs and the 3 agreement you have with them. MR. SOUTHARD: Yeah. 4 THE COURT: What I'm saying is, that if somebody 5 6 chooses, being the feds, or the state, or the town of 7 Brookhaven, or anybody who has authority to do it, to go 8 after the current landowner at the time for some 9 environmental problems, nothing in my order is going to 10 insulate them from that. 11 MR. SOUTHARD: I understand, Your Honor. THE COURT: So I understand the successor 12 13 liability with regard to corporate issues, and that's fine, at least I understand it. But there are two things in this 14 15 order that I want to make sure we're all in synch on. 16 the environmental aspect; and two, you asked me to sell it 17 free and clear of all liens, claims, encumberances, 18 including easements. 19 I'm not sure I can wipe out an easement. An 20 easement runs with the land. 21 MR. SOUTHARD: Your Honor, so the extent to which 22 title has taken an exception for easements, most certainly 23 those are being likewise excepted from the scope of Your 24 Honor's order. 25 THE COURT: Right. Well, the order is going to be

Page 24 1 clear and probably consistent with what the title company 2 says. Because I don't think the Court, I'm not making a statement for the future, I'm not sure what authority we 3 4 have to wipe out easements. We may, depending on what types 5 and how they are, but as a blanket statement I've got a 6 problem with it. And if it's not an issue in this case then 7 we're going to adjust the order to make sure it's clear that 8 we're not doing anything with easements. 9 MR. SOUTHARD: We can certainly work to fine tune 10 the order --11 THE COURT: Okay. 12 MR. SOUTHARD: -- in a way that's acceptable to 13 Your Honor. 14 THE COURT: And so that's okay with you guys, 15 right? 16 MR. SIEGEL: Your Honor, I mean I just wanted to 17 clarify where we are and what I think our understanding is. This is effectively -- I'm sorry. Do you want me to go 18 19 here? 20 MR. SOUTHARD: Please. MR. SIEGEL: This is effectively an executory 21 22 contract which everybody wants assumed. We want it assumed 23 because we're on the hook for this. We are doing ongoing 24 remediation, we want to make sure the thing remains safe so 25 that we don't have to pay for the clean-up. They want this

Page 25 1 assumed because they want us to do that, and they want us to 2 indemnify them in the event something goes wrong. this was not initially contained in any of the 3 documentation. We picked it up at the end. 4 5 THE COURT: So this was something Brookhaven Labs 6 acknowledges they may have had responsibility for, so 7 they're cleaning it up? 8 MR. SIEGEL: Well, the MOU goes back to 2003, this 9 is something that in the mid-90's the government advised 10 Brookhaven or some predecessor of Brookhaven, that they 11 believed Brookhaven to be responsible for. And then 12 Brookhaven entered into an agreement where they took 13 responsibility for it. 14 THE COURT: All right. 15 MR. SIEGEL: And that goes back to I think '96 or 16 even earlier. 17 THE COURT: No, if that's the agreement --MR. SIEGEL: Yeah. 18 19 THE COURT: -- that's fine with me. I don't --20 I'm not trying to create liability. 21 MR. SIEGEL: Yeah. 22 THE COURT: But outside of Brookhaven, if the new 23 guy comes in and finds buried oil tanks, which has nothing 24 to do with you guys --25 MR. SIEGEL: That has nothing to do with us.

Page 26 1 THE COURT: -- and the state asserts, or the feds 2 assert liability for that, that has nothing to do with indemnification. 3 MR. SIEGEL: They are indemnified to the extent of 4 5 this MOU and this MOU does not cover that. 6 THE COURT: Okay. No, I'm talking about a 7 separate issue. 8 MR. SIEGEL: This has to do with wells. 9 THE COURT: This buyer is not getting off the 10 hook, if he's on the hook, for that. 11 MR. SOUTHARD: Correct, Your Honor. 12 THE COURT: Dowling remains on --13 MR. SOUTHARD: Not by virtue of Your Honor's sale 14 order. 15 THE COURT: Right. So Dowling remains on the hook 16 and anybody responsible at Dowling. And their successor 17 would -- is not getting anything from the Court where they 18 could argue, we are -- we took it free and clear of that 19 liability? 20 MR. SOUTHARD: With regard to the type of 21 environmental issue Your Honor raises, correct? 22 THE COURT: Okay. MR. SOUTHARD: And there -- to be clear, there was 23 24 a phase 1 environmental study done by Dowling that is in the 25 data room, that was reviewed by all parties.

Page 27 1 THE COURT: It couldn't have been too bad, they 2 had kids living there. 3 MR. SOUTHARD: We're not aware of any such issues. 4 And so yes, I agree with Your Honor's statement, however. 5 THE COURT: Okay. So as long as the buyer is 6 aware, we're going to make sure the order is clear, and 7 that's consistent with the deal, and I got that. There's 8 nobody from the buyer here, right? 9 MR. SOUTHARD: Your Honor, there is a business 10 person here from the buyer, but he is not represented by 11 counsel today. 12 THE COURT: You want to answer questions or you 13 don't want to answer? You don't have to if you don't want 14 to. 15 MR. BIENENSTOCK: Yeah, no, I think that it's our 16 -- that's what our understanding is. That it's related to 17 anything that -- it's related to anything that Brookhaven 18 may --19 THE COURT: Since you're not represented, just for 20 my information, is what the lawyers have just said consistent with what you believe your liabilities and 21 22 responsibilities are if you become the buyer? 23 MR. BIENENSTOCK: Yes. 24 THE COURT: Okay. MAN: Have you identified yourself? 25

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1	MR. BIENENSTOCK: Stuart Bienenstock.
2	THE COURT: Oh, sorry.
3	MR. SOUTHARD: Your Honor, it's
4	THE COURT: Hold it. Let him identify himself,
5	please.
6	MR. SOUTHARD: Sure.
7	MR. BIENENSTOCK: Stuart Bienenstock from Triple
8	Five.
9	THE COURT: Did you get that?
10	MR. SOUTHARD: For the record Stuart Bienenstock
11	from Triple Five.
12	MAN: And his office? What does he do for the
13	company?
14	THE COURT: Just tell us what he does, who he is.
15	If you tell me he's a bankruptcy lawyer that works for
16	Proskauer.
17	MR. SOUTHARD: No. Your Honor, Mr. Bienenstock is
18	the director of business development for Triple Five.
19	THE COURT: Okay. Again, he's not represented, so
20	I would not hold them, but I just wanted to know that he
21	believes it's consistent with what you're saying.
22	MR. SOUTHARD: Yes, Your Honor. And again, this
23	issue, regretfully, arose for the first time at 3:00 on
24	Friday afternoon. And so Mr. Bienenstock has
25	THE COURT: Along with the

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1	MR. SOUTHARD: like the rest of us, just
2	THE COURT: 30 other issues that are going to
3	arise at closing.
4	MR. SOUTHARD: had the weekend, but we've made
5	all good faith efforts to bring the issue to a head before
6	the hearing today and have worked with counsel in that
7	fashion. So I do not expect, and that was the point of my
8	initially raising this matter, I do not expect it to be an
9	issue and I believe we will have satisfactory language
10	THE COURT: Now, are you assuming that contract?
11	MR. SOUTHARD: The current so the original ask
12	was essentially that this order do no harm or not impair the
13	rights. I think we are discussing, at this point, however,
14	the potential assumption and assignment of that.
15	THE COURT: Because I would think the buyer wants
16	to make sure he has whatever indemnification rights exist.
17	MR. SOUTHARD: I think that's right, Your Honor.
18	And
19	THE COURT: And he should.
20	MR. SOUTHARD: I don't think there's any
21	objection to
22	MR. SIEGEL: No, I think we agree that it would be
23	cleaner to do it as an assumption and assignment.
24	THE COURT: Yeah, I think that will make it easier
25	for everybody, because I don't want to go down the road two

Page 30 1 years from now and have a litigation over whether he was or 2 wasn't covered. 3 MR. SOUTHARD: Agreed. 4 THE COURT: So if you can just fix that up it will 5 work. 6 All right. Anybody else want to be heard on this? 7 So we're selling it for 14 --8 MR. SOUTHARD: Million dollars. 9 THE COURT: -- 14 million. You're renegotiating, in some fashion, the carve-out agreements, as I understand 10 11 it. 12 MR. SOUTHARD: Yes, Your Honor. THE COURT: There still will be some 13 14 distributions, I assume to the unsecureds. There will be a 15 pot of money available, to the extent the Committee believes 16 there are any potential causes of action, which will finance 17 that. There will be money, I'm sure, to pay the administrative expenses. And none of the money will be 18 19 distributed to any of the lienholders or anyone else without 20 further order of the Court. 21 MR. SOUTHARD: Correct. 22 MAN: Correct. THE COURT: Okay. Anybody want to be heard? Last 23 24 chance. Done. The Court will approve the sale. 25 MR. SOUTHARD: Thank you, Your Honor.

Page 31 1 THE COURT: Okay. 2 MR. SOUTHARD: Your Honor, the second matter on today's calendar is the adjourned adversary proceeding, 3 which is commenced by Lori Zaikowski as Class Plaintiff in 4 5 relation to essentially Warn Act claims against Dowling 6 College as the Defendant. 7 Your Honor, we've been in front of you many times 8 in relation to this matter, and I believe the general 9 agreement was that certain settlement efforts, which began 10 in the context of court-approved mediation and have, to some 11 extent, stalled, on account of the uncertain value 12 associated with the Brookhaven sale, can now restart based 13 on Your Honor's approval today of the sale of 14 million. 14 I would propose that we adjourn this matter for at 15 least 30 days, allow the parties to attempt to finalize --16 THE COURT: Do we have a mediator in this, not 17 that --MR. SOUTHARD: Your Honor, Yann Geron --18 19 THE COURT: -- I'm a big fine of that. Huh? 20 MR. SOUTHARD: Yann Geron was appointed by this Court as mediator, however, he has not really been engaged 21 22 since the expiration of his original term under Your Honor's order. It's conceivable that his efforts could be useful in 23 24 the next 30 days, but I think, frankly, there's a bid and 25 ask that is outstanding and the parties, with the assistance

Page 32 1 of the Committee --2 THE COURT: Well, once there's a bid and ask you're just talking about monies, so you should be able to 3 solve it. 4 5 MR. SOUTHARD: Agreed. 6 THE COURT: I don't think you need a mediator when 7 it's just money. 8 MR. SOUTHARD: We tend to agree on behalf of the 9 Debtor, and I believe the Committee is in agreement as well. 10 MR. FRIEDMAN: Yes. 11 THE COURT: All right. So at the next hearing you 12 can tell me where we are on that. 13 MR. SOUTHARD: Yes, Your Honor. 14 THE COURT: And what are we doing with plans and 15 disclosure statements and how do we get out of this thing? 16 MR. SOUTHARD: Your Honor, as we've told you 17 before, and there's at least one filing to this effect, there is a substantial draft of the plan that essentially 18 19 needs to be reworked and the disclosure statement now that 20 we have some finality associated with the value of the 21 Brookhaven property. And my proposal, subject to speaking 22 with counsel to the Committee and the Secured Creditors, 23 would be to work to have that on file in the next 60 days or 24 so, in a revised fashion, with the expectation that the 25 Brookhaven sale will hopefully close in that interim period.

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1	THE COURT: All right. The timing makes sense.
2	Are we getting close on any statutory problems for bringing
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4	MR. SOUTHARD: November
5	THE COURT: adversaries?
6	MR. SOUTHARD: I'm sorry, Your Honor. November
7	29th was the filing date, in 2016, so there are, I guess,
8	five months remaining in that period before the two year
9	point is reached.
10	THE COURT: Don't lose track of it, guys.
11	MAN: We got it, Your Honor.
12	THE COURT: All right. Okay. Anybody else want
13	to be heard? Good.
14	So we got both pieces sold now. We can go to a
15	plan, we can try to figure the rest of this out. Good.
16	That's where we are.
17	MR. SOUTHARD: Thank you, Your Honor.
18	THE COURT: Thank you, guys.
19	MAN: Thank you, Your Honor.
20	MAN: Your Honor, is there going to be a date for
21	the (indiscernible)?
22	THE COURT: Yeah.
23	CLERK: We have July 23rd.
24	THE COURT: That's not going to do you any good,
25	July 23rd. Nothing is going to be new by then, right?

Page 34 MAN: For Zaikowski that's a fine date, Your 1 2 Honor. 3 MAN: For the plan and disclosure statement. THE COURT: Well, the plan and disclosure 4 5 statement -- they're not going to file it for two months, 6 probably. 7 MR. SOUTHARD: That might be a good holding date, 8 Your Honor, for purposes of the Zaikowski matter and we 9 could certainly report to the Court. 10 THE COURT: Let's do that. Put it on for that and 11 at some point you're going to move ahead with the litigation 12 and continue to negotiate, while you litigate. 13 MAN: Correct. 14 THE COURT: Because I always find that nothing 15 ever happens until whatever the 11th hour is and so whatever 16 date I put it doesn't matter, it's going to be the day 17 before that hearing date. So the message is, on the 23rd, 18 if we don't have an agreement, it doesn't have to be approved that day, but if we don't have an agreement, you're 19 20 going to continue -- you're going to litigation. 21 MR. SOUTHARD: Understood, Your Honor. 22 THE COURT: All right? 23 MR. SOUTHARD: Thank you. 24 THE COURT: And you can tell the other side that. 25 MAN: They're on the phone. They're on the phone.

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2		MS. ROUPINIAN: I hear you, Your Honor.
3		THE COURT: So you heard?
4		MS. ROUPINIAN: I heard.
5		THE COURT: Okay.
6		MS. ROUPINIAN: Thank you.
7		THE COURT: Okay, guys. Thank you.
8		MAN: And what time is that, Your Honor?
9		THE COURT: 1:30.
10		MR. SOUTHARD: Thank you very much, Your Honor.
11		THE COURT: Thank you.
12		MAN: Thank you, Your Honor. Have a good day.
13		THE COURT: Thank you.
14		MR. SOUTHARD: Thank you, Your Honor.
15		(Whereupon these proceedings were concluded at
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